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Mayor

Michael J. Purcaro
Town Administrator

Dawn R. Maselek
Assistant Town Administrator

Town of Vernon Recovery and Reopening Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 11:00AM

Via Zoom Audio Teleconference

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Julie Clay, Town Council Member; Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator and Recovery Officer; James Kenny, Chief of Police; George McGregor, Town Planner; Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator and Emergency Management Director; Lou Spadaccini, Town Attorney; and Daniel Wasilewski, Fire Marshal.

Members Absent: Russell DeBella, General Manager of Reins New York Style Deli Restaurant; Bruce Klotter, President of Swiss Cleaners; Andrew Marchese, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Pauline Schaefer, Town Council Member; Patrice Sulik, Director North Central District Health Department and Steven Prattson, Building Official

Additional: Mike Zerbe, Physician's Assistant at Priority Urgent Care and Cassandra Santoro, Recording Secretary

Roll call was performed at 11:04 AM by Cassandra Santoro.

2. Public Comment

Maryann Levesque of 183 Bolton Road spoke regarding social distancing and staying at home being Trinity Health's main concern. Discussion ensued. Michael Purcaro thanked Mrs. Levesque for her comment and discussion.

3. COVID-19 Incident Command Update

Michael Purcaro updated the committee on COVID testing offered in Town. Vernon is offering regular swab COVID tests, blood test for antibody testing and soon the Town is going to be providing rapid testing. Mr. Purcaro thanked Priority Urgent Care for helping Vernon residents by partnering with the Town to offer these services.

Michael Purcaro introduced Mike Zerbe, Physician's Assistant at Priority Urgent Care to discuss rapid testing capabilities that will be available for Town of Vernon employees and residents. Mr. Zerbe explained that Priority Urgent care is happy to partner with the Town of Vernon and thanked Vernon for their organization and efficiency at all the testing sites. He explained that rapid testing has been evolving since March and has now passed the Government and Health Department's standards. The rapid testing that will be offered has 99% sensitivity and 95% specificity and is essentially more accurate than the flu test. Rapid testing will take 30 minutes to receive a result, where the swab test can take up to 5 days currently with the rising amount of tests taken every day.

Discussion ensued.

4. Current Guidance and Orders

The Town continues to read through all executive orders and interpret the guidelines that best fit the Town of Vernon. Mr. Gately summarized the most recent Executive Order: 7JJJ and 7LLL.

Discussion ensued.

5. Local Recovery and Reopening Strategy

Shaun Gately explained that no new applications have been received from new businesses. Some restaurants are considering expanding their outdoor dining due to the high success rate they have been experiencing with offering outdoor dining.

Discussion ensued regarding weekly PPE training for businesses.

Discussion ensued regarding the Town of Vernon developing a point-of-contact for assistance with the application for loan forgiveness. Shaun Gately will be looking into this matter and will provide the committee with an update at the next scheduled meeting.

Michael Purcaro updated the committee relative to the change in the Governor's request for school reopening plans and that the Town of Vernon is in good shape with the plan they submitted.

6. Next Steps

Michael Purcaro reminded the committee we will continue to meet on a weekly basis.

7. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2020.

Approval of the minutes for July 23, 2020 meeting were moved by Daniel Wasilewski and seconded by George McGregor. No discussion. The motion passed with no opposition.

8. Next Meeting

Next ZOOM meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2020.

9. Adjournment

Julie Clay made a motion to adjourn at 11:44AM. Daniel Wasilewski seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Santoro,
Recording Secretary